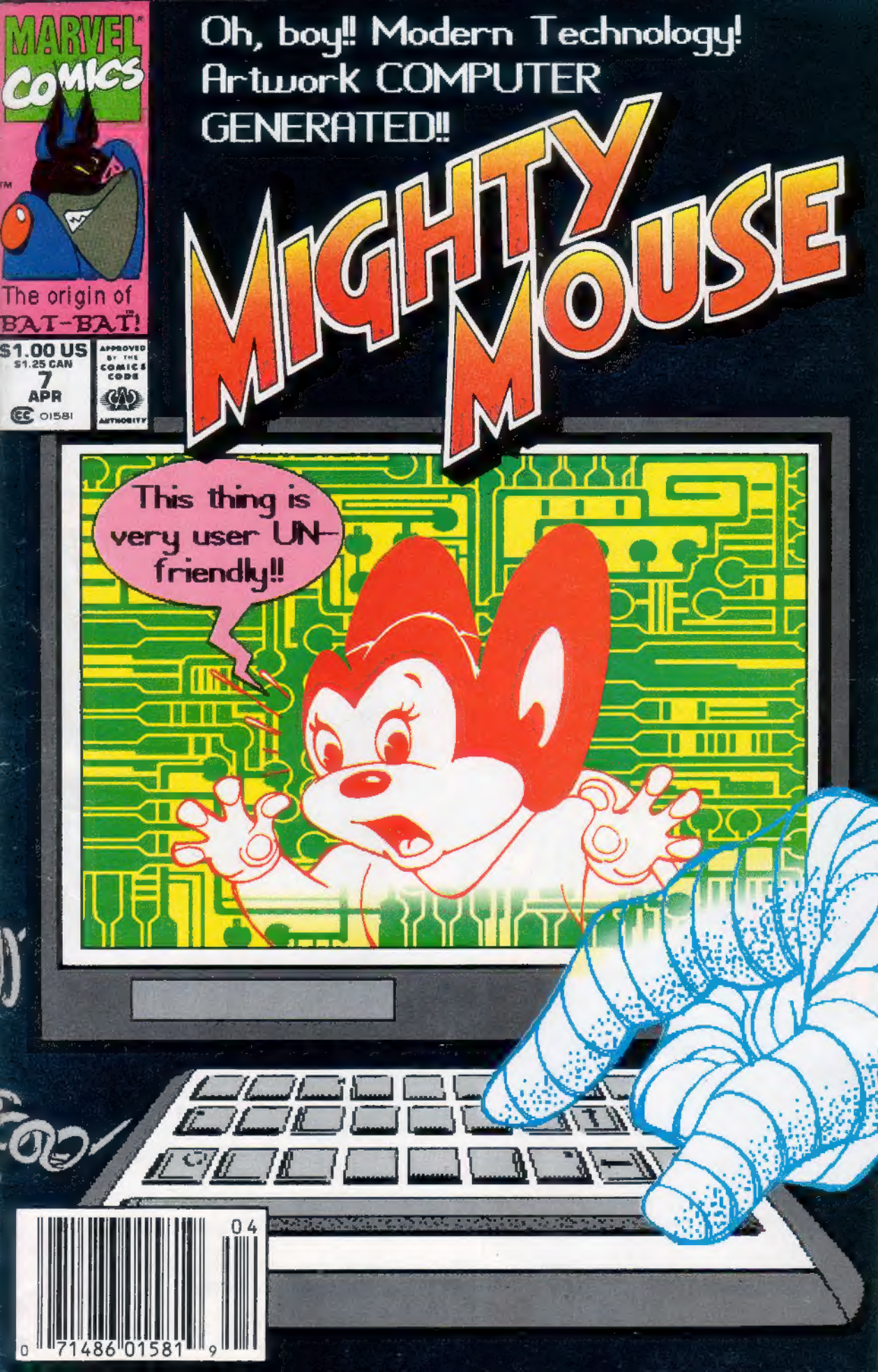
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WELCOME TO OUR CLINIC, MIGHTY MOUSE! I'M KATHY BAKER...SO NICE OF YOU TO TAKE THE TIME OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULE!
NEVER TOO BUSY TO HOBNOB WITH THE YOUNGSTERS, MS. BAKER!
WOTTA GUY! DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
ESPECIALLY MY OLD CHUM, SCRAPPY! HAS HE BEEN BEHAVING HIMSELF?
OH, YES... SCRAPPY'S MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS...
NOOGIE NOOGIE
WHEN YOU CONSIDER HOW HE WAS HELD CAPTIVE BY THAT ARCHVILLAIN, THE GLOVE! *
DON'T I KNOW IT! THAT FIEND DROVE ME INTO RETIREMENT!
FOR DETAILS, SEE MIGHTY MOUSE 1 & 2,-Editor
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THAT! YOU'RE HERE TO TOUR THE CLINIC... OF COURSE, YOU'VE SEEN THE RECREATION AREA!
AH, YES! THIS IS WHERE I BATTLED GOURDIAN!
YEAH! AND YOU TRASHED HIM!
WOTTA SLUGFEST!
IN M.M. #3, "WHAT'S MY PLOTLINE?"-Editor
SO LET'S GO INSIDE AND SEE OUR FACILITY. WALK THIS WAY!
THAT'S YOUR CUE, GUYS...
IF HE WALKED THAT WAY, HE'D BE ARRESTED!
SORRY... IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST...
HMMM...
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SOMETIME LATER...
AND FINALLY, OUR COMPUTER ROOM! THAT'S EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE CAFETERIA... CAN YOU STAY FOR LUNCH?
WELL...
OH, PLEASE?
STAY!
C'MON!
YEAH!
OKAY... BUT MAY I HAVE A PRIVATE WORD WITH YOU FIRST, MS. BAKER?
CERTAINLY, MIGHTY MOUSE!
CHILDREN, LINE UP OUTSIDE THE LUNCHROOM, PLEASE! WE'LL JOIN YOU IN A FEW MINUTES...
OKAY!
LET'S GO!
YEA!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS, BUT COULDN'T SCRAPPY PROGRAM THESE TO PLAY THE TYPE OF VIDEO GAMES HE WAS HOOKED ON?
OH, NO!
THESE ARE PURELY EDUCATIONAL TERMINALS... THE COMPUTERS HAVE NO GAME PLAYING CAPABILITIES WHATSOEVER, SEE?
...UH... NOT REALLY...
BOOP!
MISS BAKER! NICHOLAS CUT IN LINE!
:TSK:
LET ME RESOLVE THIS AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
THAT'S OKAY... I'M VERY COMPUTER IGNORANT.
BEEP!
I NEED TO TAKE A COURSE IN THESE... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT "ENTER" MEANS...
OK
TAK
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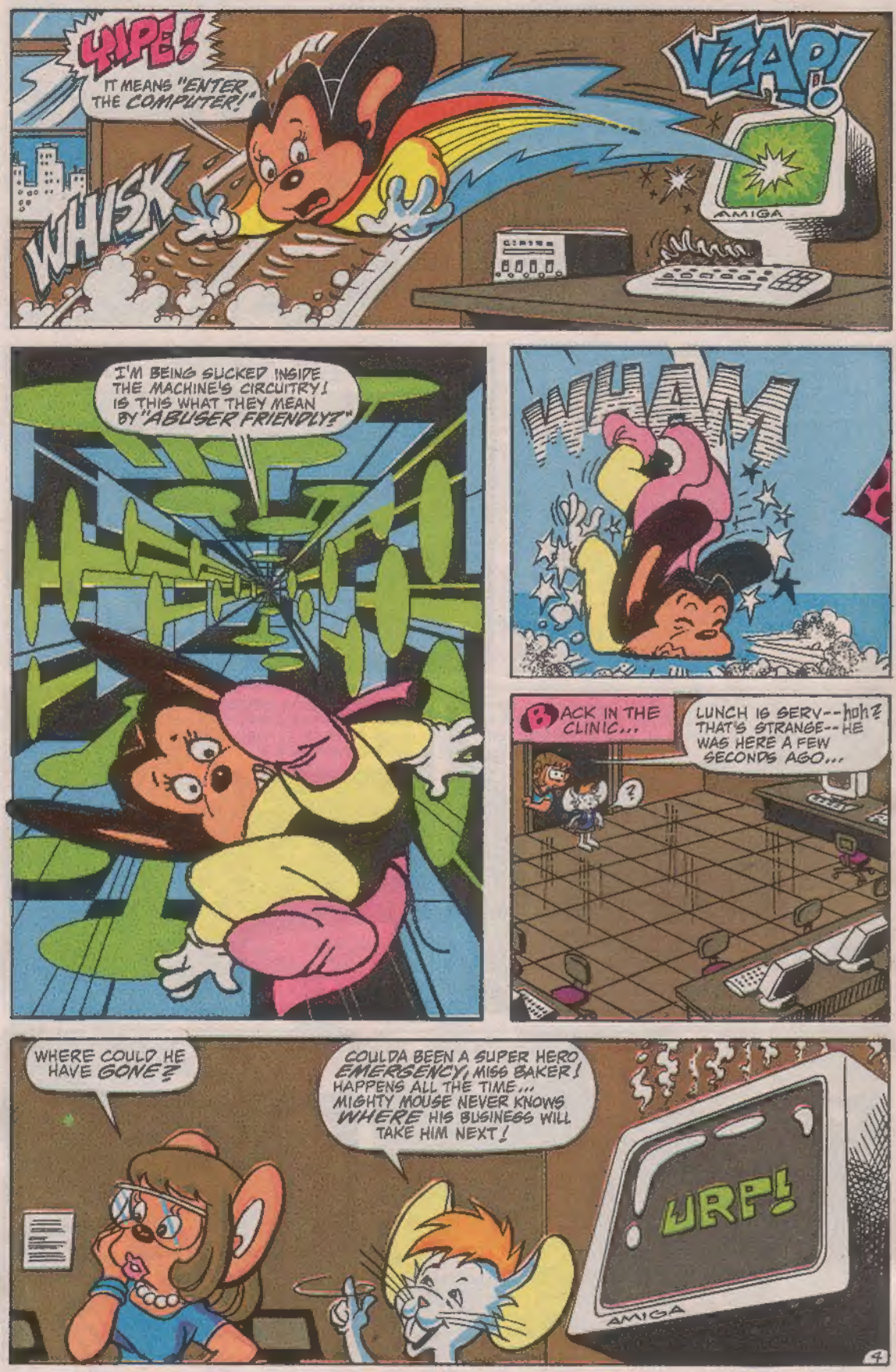
YIPE!
IT MEANS "ENTER THE COMPUTER!"
WHISK
VZAP!
AMIGA
I'M BEING SUCKED INSIDE THE MACHINE'S CIRCUITRY! IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "ABUSER FRIENDLY?"
WHAM
BACK IN THE CLINIC...
LUNCH IS SERV--hoh? THAT'S STRANGE--HE WAS HERE A FEW SECONDS AGO...
WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?
COULDA BEEN A SUPER HERO EMERGENCY, MISS BAKER! HAPPENS ALL THE TIME... MIGHTY MOUSE NEVER KNOWS WHERE HIS BUSINESS WILL TAKE HIM NEXT!
URP!
AMIGA
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MEANWHILE...
HUH?... WHA--? WHO?
FEAR NOT... I AM YOUR HOSTESS, DOT MATRIX!
I APOLOGIZE FOR BARGING YOU IN SO ABRUPTLY, BUT I AM DESPERATE!
BRINGING ME, WHERE?
INSIDE THE COMPUTER NETWORK SO THAT YOU CAN SAVE US ALL!
SAVE WHO?
FROM WHAT?
A GIANT VIRAL WORM HAS ENTERED THE SYSTEM! IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO WIPE OUT ALL PROGRAMMING! ONLY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY IT!
I'M NOT AN EXTERMINATOR AND I DON'T LIKE BEING KIDNAPPED!
YOU DO NOT COMPREHEND! THE DODGE CLINIC'S COMPUTER IS LINKED TO A NATIONWIDE NETWORK! IF THE WORM GOES BEYOND HERE...
SORRY... SEND ME BACK, PLEASE!
BANK RECORDS DESTROYED!!!
MILITARY CODES BROKEN!
BASEBALL STATISTICS LOST FOREVER!
HMM--
UMM--
WHAT?

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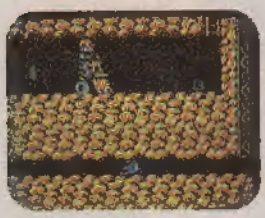

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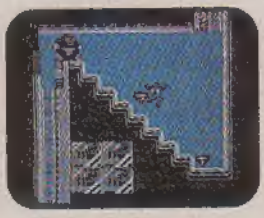

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THIS SOUNDS SERIOUS! I'LL TAKE THE JOB!
MEN ARE ALL ALIKE!
SO, WHERE IS THIS WHOOF!
RIGHT THERE!
FLOP!
HISS!
IT IS BOMBARDING YOU WITH INDIVIDUAL SEGMENTS OF ITSELF! SOON YOU WILL BE BURIED UNDER A PILE OF FLOPPY DISCS!
FLOP FLOP
DISCO WAS NEVER MY SCENE, DOTTY!
GASP!
HISS!
NASTY LEAK YOU'VE GOT THERE...
SUPPOSE I PLUG IT IN FOR YOU!
CAUTION! IT IS COILING!

TWANG--
WHACK!
OW! HOW COULD ANYTHING SO BIG MOVE SO FAST?
hiss!
MIGHTY MOUSE?
:sigh: I KNEW IT'D HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER ..
YOU'D BE BESTED?
NO...I KNEW I'D HAVE TO SAY: "HOW COULD ANYTHING SO BIG MOVE SO FAST?" EVERY SUPER HERO HAS TO!
UNION RULES!
YOU ARE UNHARMED?
SURE! I'VE BEEN HIT MUCH HARDER! IT JUST SURPRISED ME, THAT'S ALL!
YOU WILL NOT LIKE MY REPLY.
BUT NOW IT'S PAYBACK TIME! WHERE'D IT SLITHER OFF TO?
IT HAS FLED THROUGH THE CIRCUIT BOARD MAZE...YOU WILL NEVER CATCH THE WORM NOW!
MAYBE NOT BY MYSELF.

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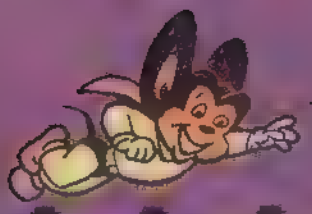
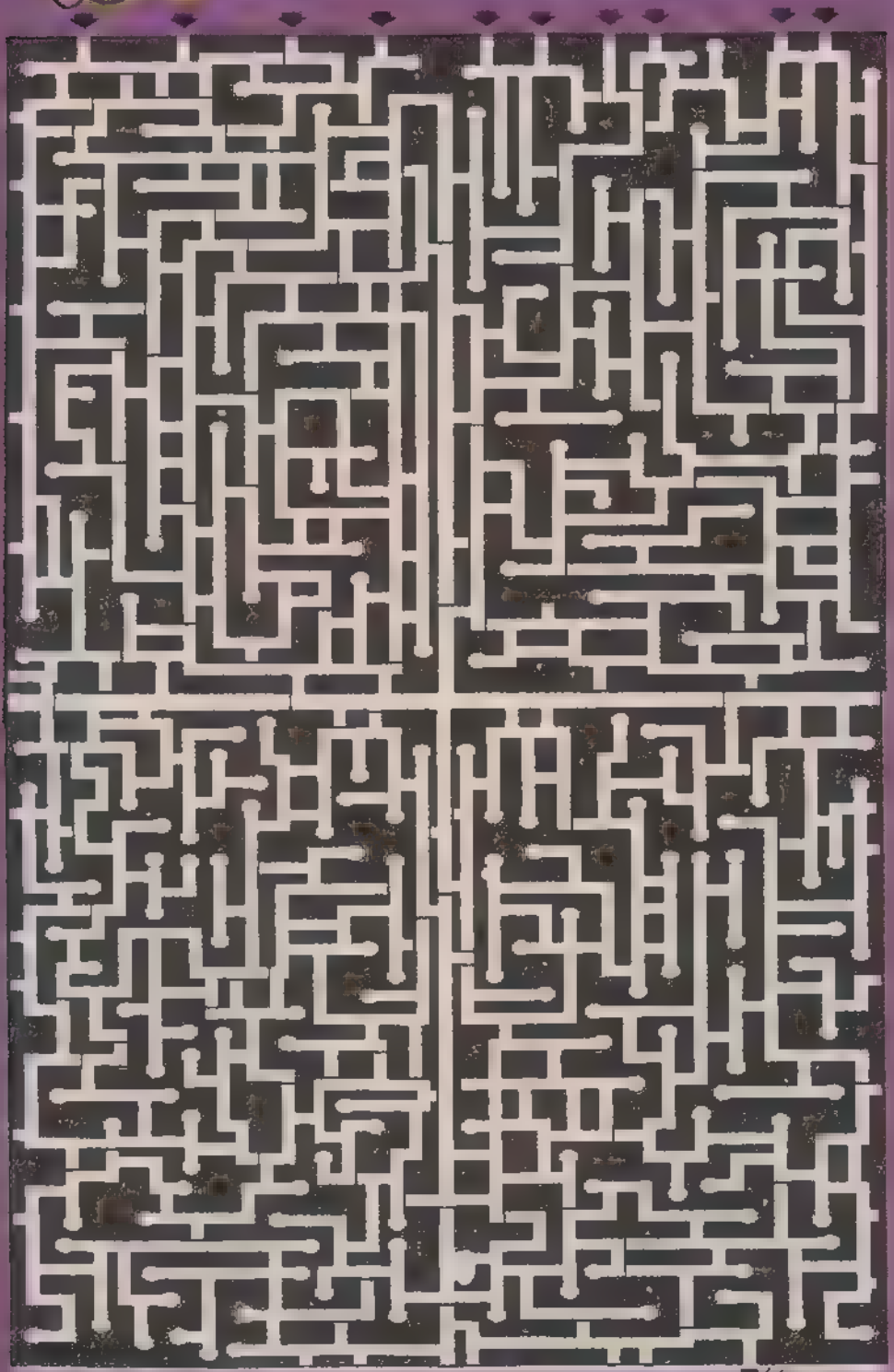
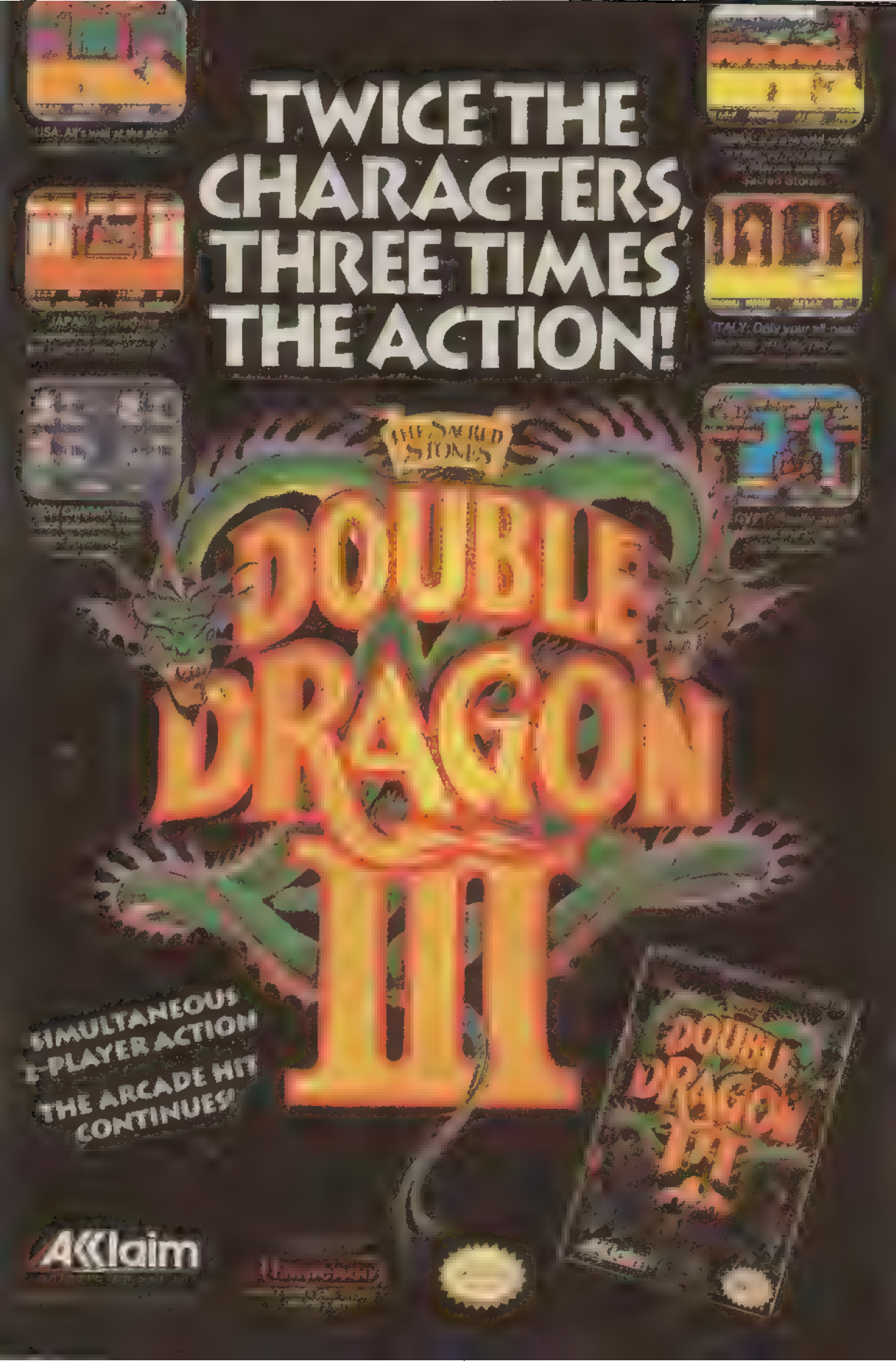


...BUT I'LL BET IF *YOU* HELP ME, WE CAN SOLVE THIS PUZZLE TOGETHER!

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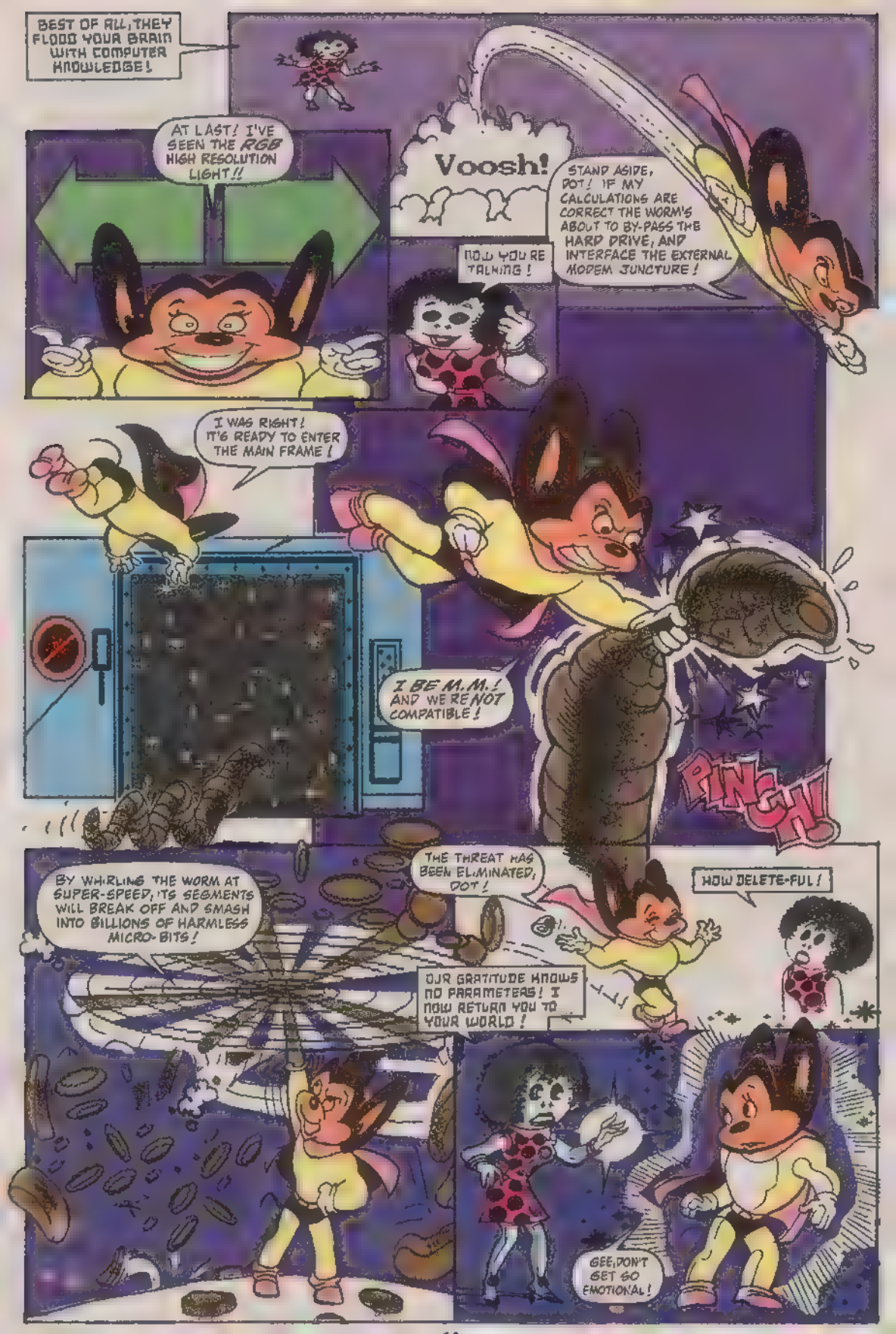
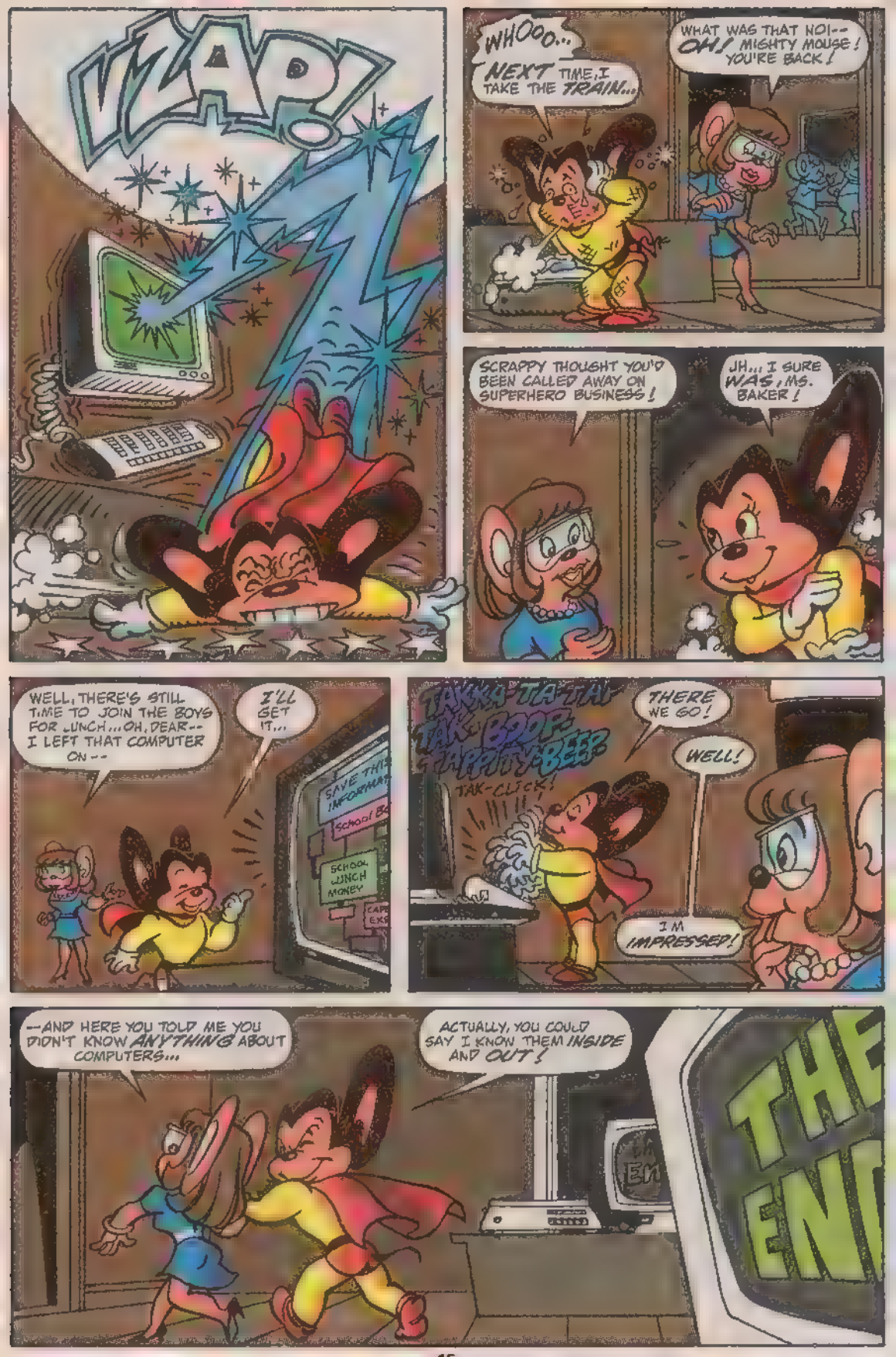
GOTCHA NOW, FISHBAIT! HEY-- HOLD STILL... ;WHOOP!;
WHAT THE--? LET ME GO!
ZING
TWANG
AGH! IT LET ME GO, ALL RIGHT ..INTO THE GRIDLOCK!
DON'T TELL ME YOU FELL FOR THAT OLD TRICK!
;SIGH; OKAY, I WON'T TELL YOU...
IT IS MY CONCLUSION THAT YOU ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH COMPUTER TERMS AND TECHNOLOGY, CORRECT?
HOW DID YOU--;OOCH; GUESS?
WOMAN'S INTUITION! HERE--WHAT YOU NEED IS A MOUTHFUL OF MEMORY CHIPS!
MMM.. I DID MISS LUNCH...
CRUNCH! CHOMP! SAY.. THESE AREN'T BAD!
FLOP
HIGH IN FIBER-- LOW IN SODIUM-- AND NO CHOLESTEROL!


BEST OF ALL, THEY FLOOD YOUR BRAIN WITH COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE!
AT LAST! I'VE SEEN THE RGB HIGH RESOLUTION LIGHT!!
Voosh!
STAND ASIDE, DOT! IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT THE WORM'S ABOUT TO BY-PASS THE HARD DRIVE, AND INTERFACE THE EXTERNAL MODEM JUNCTURE!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!
I WAS RIGHT! IT'S READY TO ENTER THE MAIN FRAME!
I BE M.M.! AND WE'RE NOT COMPATIBLE!
PINCH!
BY WHIRLING THE WORM AT SUPER-SPEED, ITS SEGMENTS WILL BREAK OFF AND SMASH INTO BILLIONS OF HARMLESS MICRO-BITS!
THE THREAT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, DOT!
HOW DELETE-FUL!
OUR GRATITUDE KNOWS NO PARAMETERS! I NOW RETURN YOU TO YOUR WORLD!
GEE, DON'T GET SO EMOTIONAL!


VZAP!
WHOoo...
NEXT TIME, I TAKE THE TRAIN...
WHAT WAS THAT NOI--
OH! MIGHTY MOUSE! YOU'RE BACK!
SCRAPPY THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN CALLED AWAY ON SUPERHERO BUSINESS!
JH... I SURE WAS, MS. BAKER!
WELL, THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE BOYS FOR LUNCH... OH, DEAR-- I LEFT THAT COMPUTER ON--
I'LL GET IT...
SCHOOL LUNCH MONEY
TAKKA-TA-TA! TAK-BOOP-A-PAPPY-BEEP
TAK-CLICK!
THERE WE GO!
WELL!
I'M IMPRESSED!
--AND HERE YOU TOLD ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS...
ACTUALLY, YOU COULD SAY I KNOW THEM INSIDE AND OUT!
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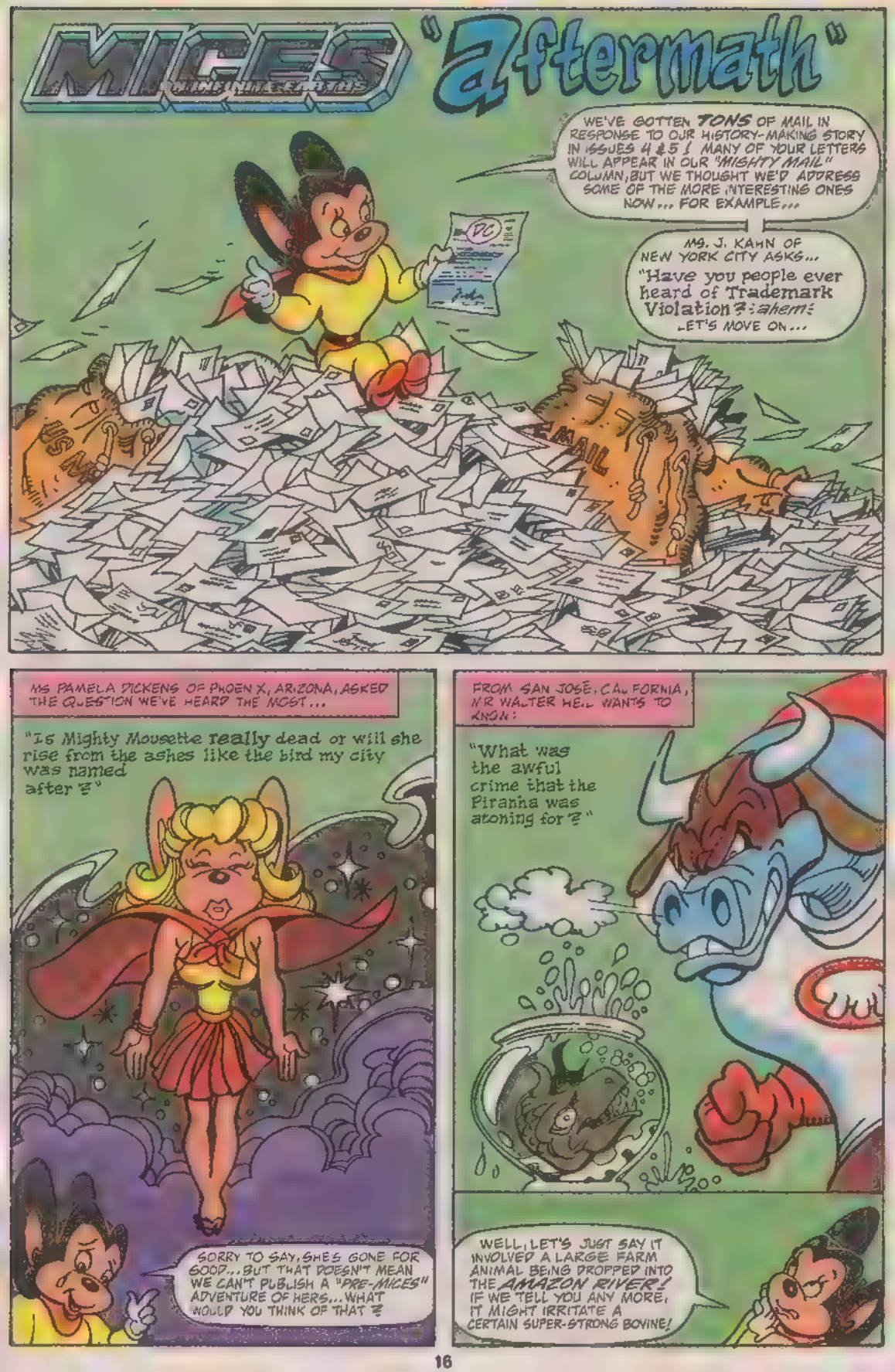

MICE
"aftermath"
WE'VE GOTTEN TONS OF MAIL IN RESPONSE TO OUR HISTORY-MAKING STORY IN ISSUES 4 & 5! MANY OF YOUR LETTERS WILL APPEAR IN OUR "MIGHTY MAIL" COLUMN, BUT WE THOUGHT WE'D ADDRESS SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING ONES NOW... FOR EXAMPLE...
MS. J. KAHN OF NEW YORK CITY ASKS...
"Have you people ever heard of Trademark Violation? shem! LET'S MOVE ON...
MAIL
MS PAMELA DICKENS OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ASKED THE QUESTION WE'VE HEARD THE MOST...
"Is Mighty Mousette really dead or will she rise from the ashes like the bird my city was named after?"
SORRY TO SAY, SHE'S GONE FOR GOOD... BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T PUBLISH A "PRE-MICES" ADVENTURE OF HERS... WHAT WOULD YOU THINK OF THAT?
FROM SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA, MR WALTER HEIL WANTS TO KNOW:
"What was the awful crime that the Piranha was atoning for?"
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY IT INVOLVED A LARGE FARM ANIMAL BEING DROPPED INTO THE AMAZON RIVER! IF WE TELL YOU ANY MORE, IT MIGHT IRRITATE A CERTAIN SUPER-STRONG BOVINE!

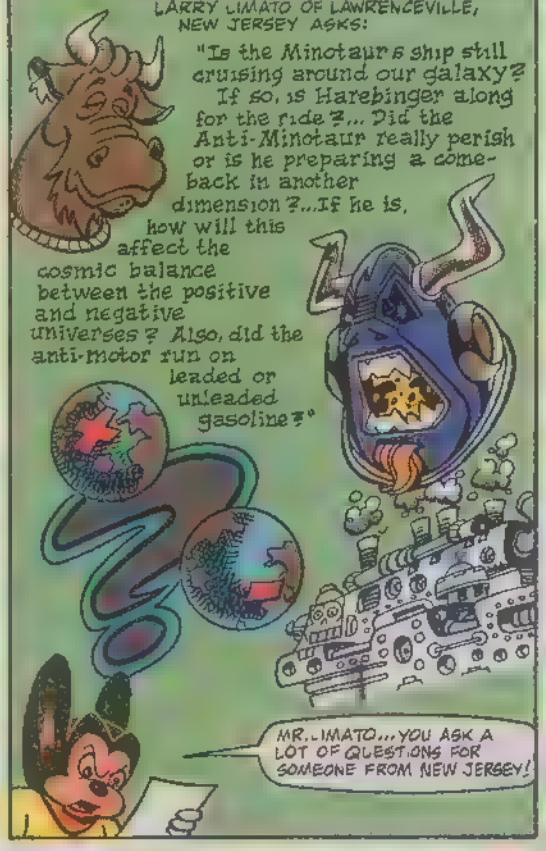
RUNNING A CLOSE SECOND IN THE 'MOST ASKED" CATEGORY IS THIS QUESTION FROM MR DAVE VAN CAMP OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA...

"Is Mangy Mouse coming back for a rematch?"

HE'S DUCKIN' ME!... THE BUM'S DUCKIN' ME!
THE LAS VEGAS ODDSMAKERS SAY IT'S THREE-TO-ONE HE'LL FIND HIS WAY BACK HERE... MAYBE WE SHOULD AIR IT ON PAY-PER-VIEW!

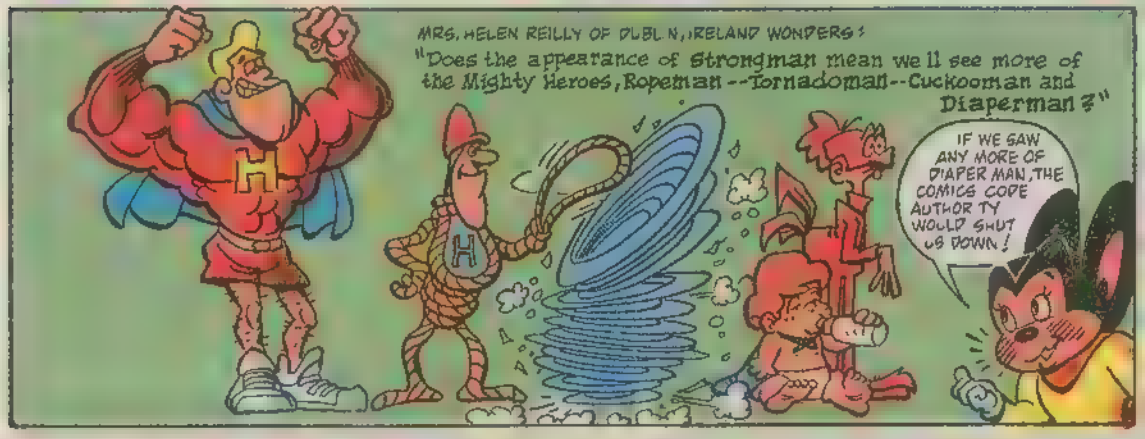
LARRY LIMATO OF LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY ASKS:

"Is the Minotaur's ship still cruising around our galaxy? If so, is Harebinger along for the ride?... Did the Anti-Minotaur really perish or is he preparing a comeback in another dimension?...If he is, how will this affect the cosmic balance between the positive and negative universes? Also, did the anti-motor run on leaded or unleaded gasoline?"



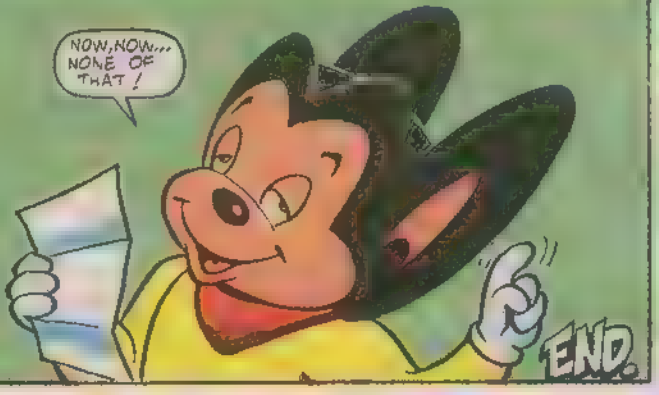
MRS. HELEN REILLY OF DUBLIN, IRELAND WONDERS:

"Does the appearance of Strongman mean we'll see more of the Mighty Heroes, Ropeman--Tornadoman--Cuckooman and Diaperman?"



FINALLY, ERNIE COLÓN, MARIE SEVERN, AND EVAN SKOLNICK OF NEW YORK ASK:

"If Michael Gallagher writes another story where we have to draw, ink, and color that many characters again, may we be allowed to Lynch him?"



BAT BAT
"YEAR ONE"
OUR STORY BEGINS, AS DO SO MANY IN THIS CRIME-RIDDEN CITY, AT THE DOORS OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL...
YOU'RE ALL SET, MR. VEIN...
MICHAEL GALLAGHER · writer
MILTON KNIGHT · penciler
MARIE SEVERIN · inker
BRAD K. JOYCE · letterer
EVAN SKOLNICK · colorist
JUST MAKE SURE MARTHA AND YOUR NEW BABY GET PLENTY OF REST... ANY QUESTIONS, JUST CALL MY CADDY!
OKAY, DOC... AND THANKS!
OH, THOMAS! ISN'T HE ADORABLE! I'M GOING TO CALL HIM... BRUCE!
GOO, GOO!

SOON BACK IN THEIR MODEST CAVE...
GRAB HOLD OF THIS STALACTITE, DEAR!
WHAT A STRAPPING YOUNG LAD! THIS SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING YEAR ONE!
JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH
APRIL
MAY
JUNE
JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECE
Hold it! YEAR ONE's turning into a big BORE! Let's SKIP ahead to about YEAR EIGHTEEN, okay? -Editor

THE ORIGIN OF BAT-BAT
SEVENTEEN YEARS LATER...
GOSH, DAD! THAT WAS SOME DEAL YOU NEGOTIATED WITH THE MCCARTY RUM COMPANY!
YOUR FATHER'S QUITE A BUSINESSMAN, BRUCE! BY LICENSING OUR IMAGE TO MCCARTY FOR THEIR CORPORATE LOGO, WE'LL BE MILLIONAIRES!
I JUST WANT THE BEST FOR MY FAMILY..
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANNA BE JUST LIKE YOU, DAD!
YOU ARE GROWN, SON! AND GOOD TIMES ARE ON THE HORIZON!
THE ONLY THING ON THE HORIZON IS THAT UNUSUAL CLOUD FORMATION!

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:KOFF KOFF:
IT'S ENVELOPING US!
:CHOKE:
ACK!
THOMAS! THIS MYSTERIOUS MIST IS :KOFF: JAMMING MY RADAR SENSE!
ME TOO, DEAR! :HACK: I'M FLYING BLIND!
MOM! DAD! HELP!
WE'RE PLUMMETING OUT OF CONTROL! :WHEEZE:
ACHOO!
SAVE OUR SON! HACK, HACK!
DON'T WORRY, BRUCE! I'LL SHIED YOU WITH MY BODY!
:CHOKE:
BUT, MOM... :KOFF: WHAT ABOUT YOU?
SPLAT-SPLAT!
HYACK-HYACK-HA-HA-HYACK-HYACK-HACK-HACK-HACK
THE FOG'S LIFTING... ARE YOU OKAY?... MOM?... DAD?...
GASP!
OH NO! TH-THEY'RE D-D-DUH. D...
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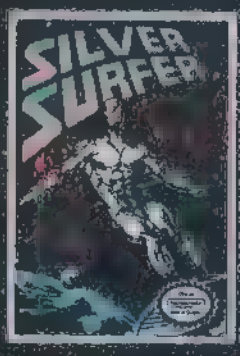

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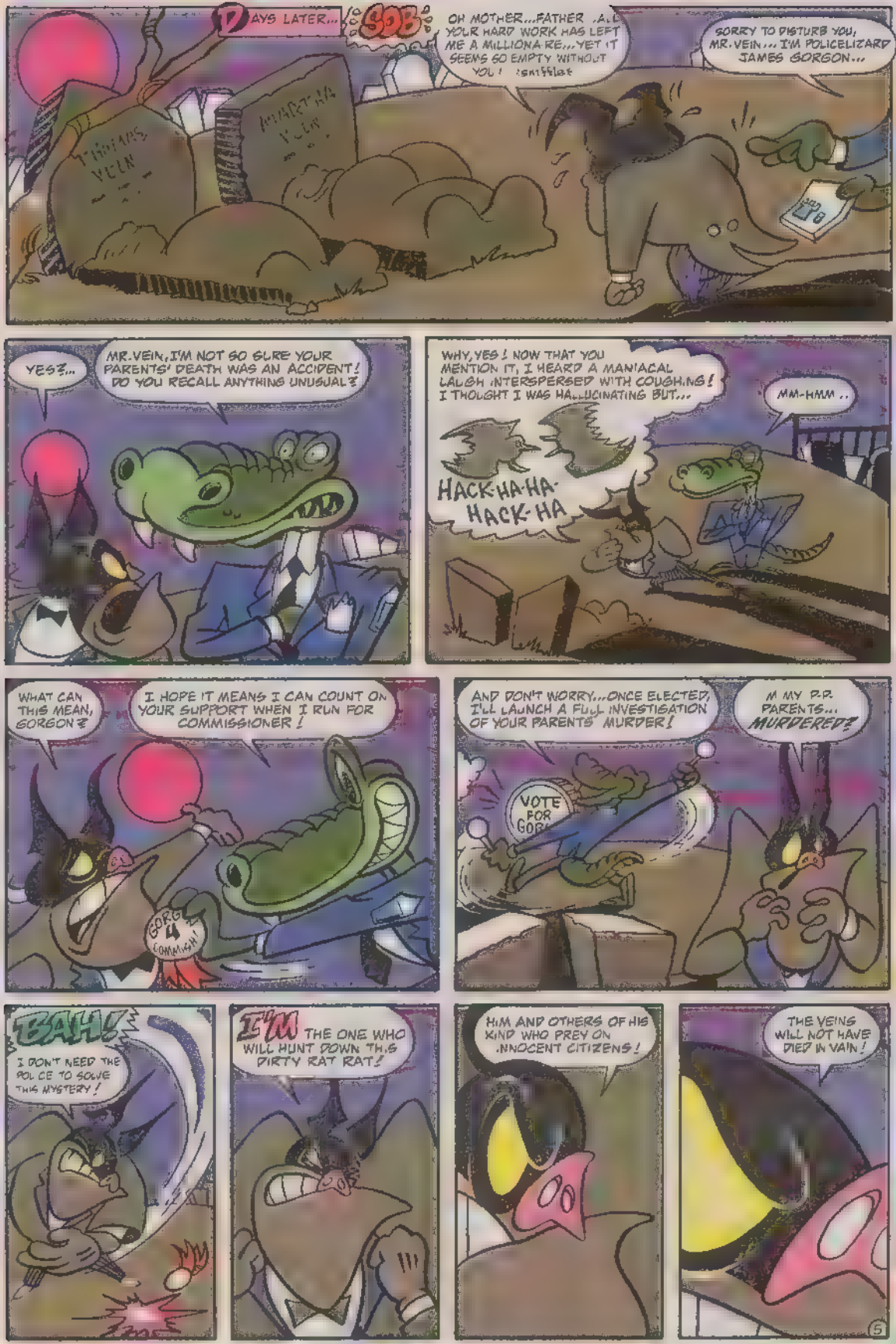
DAYS LATER...
SOB
OH MOTHER...FATHER ...ALL YOUR HARD WORK HAS LEFT ME A MILLIONAIRE...YET IT SEEMS SO EMPTY WITHOUT YOU! :sniffle:
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, MR. VEIN... I'M POLICELIZARD JAMES GORGON...
YES?...
MR. VEIN, I'M NOT SO SURE YOUR PARENTS' DEATH WAS AN ACCIDENT! DO YOU RECALL ANYTHING UNUSUAL?
WHY, YES! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HEARD A MANIACAL LAUGH INTERSPERSED WITH COUGHING! I THOUGHT I WAS HALLUCINATING BUT...
MM-HMM..
HACK-HA-HA-HACK-HA
WHAT CAN THIS MEAN, GORGON?
I HOPE IT MEANS I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT WHEN I RUN FOR COMMISSIONER!
GORG 4 COMMISH!
AND DON'T WORRY...ONCE ELECTED, I'LL LAUNCH A FULL INVESTIGATION OF YOUR PARENTS' MURDER!
M MY P.P. PARENTS... MURDERED?
VOTE FOR GOR
BAH!
I DON'T NEED THE POLICE TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!
I'M THE ONE WHO WILL HUNT DOWN THIS DIRTY RAT RAT!
HIM AND OTHERS OF HIS KIND WHO PREY ON INNOCENT CITIZENS!
THE VEINS WILL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN!
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BRUCE IMMEDIATELY JOINS THE LOCAL HEALTH CLUB, HONING HIS BODY INTO A FIGHTING MACHINE...IN THE SAUNA...
...AND SO, THE QUEEN OF THE MONGOOSES LOOKS DOWN AT HER STARVING SUBJECTS AND SAYS, "LET THEM EAT SNAKE!"
HAW! YOU'RE A CARD, REGINALD!
AMUSING, EH MR. VEIN?
HE NEVER SMILES...HE ONLY BROODS AND SULKS!...
SULK
BROOD
SNarl...
ON THE MASSEUSE TABLE..
YOU'RE SO TENSE! ALL THESE KINKS IN YOUR BACK...
grumble... NOTHING KINKY, THANKS...JUST A MASSAGE!
GUMEE!
AND THE WHIRLPOOL...
YOW! I'M NOT GOING IN THERE! LOOK AT THE TEMPERATURE!
AND THE HEATER'S NOT EVEN ON!
SSSSSSSS
SEETHE
MEANWHILE, THOMAS VEIN'S ENDORSEMENT DEAL PAYS OFF AS EXPECTED, LEAVING BRUCE WEALTHY BEYOND WORDS, ENABLING HIM TO BUILD STATELY VEIN MANOR...
AND HIRE HIS FAITHFUL BUTLER BELFRY..
WHAT?
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR PERENNIAL POUT, SIR...BUT THE MAIL'S ARRIVED!
WILL THAT BE ALL, SIR? IT IS MY NIGHT OFF...
SURE, BELFRY!...OH, BOY! IT'S HERE AT LAST!...
RIP!
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes! Your sentimental Bullpen asked if I'd write a Valentine's message for all you True Believers in the spirit of the season.

Well, as everyone knows, my heart is a veritable cornucopia of love and affection, so I'd like nothing better than to write something gushy and romantic. But—

It seems to me that the ones most deserving of our affection, gratitude and unstinting devotion are the thousands of wonderful servicemen and women who are serving as part of the United Nations forces in the middle east. If Valentine's Day stands for love, who can best represent that sentiment than the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who love their country enough to give up their freedom, their families, their jobs, and—in some tragic instances—their very lives, in order to serve when needed.

Due to the time it takes to have these columns printed, this message is being written in the middle of December. Naturally, I've no way of knowing whether the next few months will lead to peace, war or a lingering stalemate by the time you read this. Nor is this column to be interpreted as either a defense or repudiation of our foreign policy. The rights and wrongs of international affairs are for wiser heads than mine to determine.

But, regardless of your position, or mine, on the middle east, there is one point on which we all can agree. America's finest young men and women have answered the call once more, and are prepared to give the last measure of devotion in the service of their country.

Therefore, what could be more fitting than to dedicate this Valentine message to our brave men and women of all races, colors and creeds who are serving so valiantly, so far from home. . .

We wish you well. We salute you proudly. We pray for you constantly.

We love you all.

Excelsior!

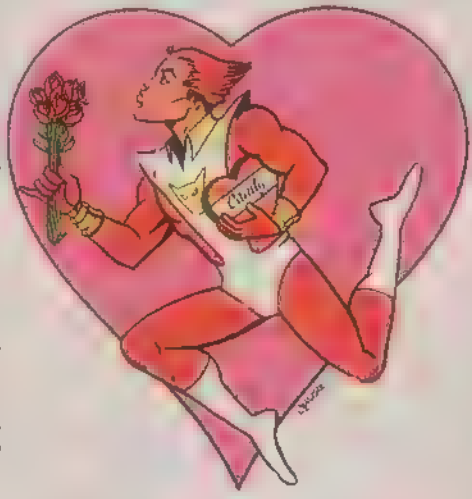
Stan Lee

It's February, and you know what that means. Yes, that's right, it's the time of year when all young lovers get giddy with anticipation over that special holiday that only comes once a year—Presidents' Day.

And what better way to honor our nation's great leaders than by going to a big department store and buying lots of sheets and towels. It's the way George and Abe would have wanted their birthdays to be celebrated. Remember, every time you spend a one or a five dollar bill, you're honoring two of the greatest men who ever lived.

But there's another holiday in February, a slightly more commerical one—Valentine's Day—a holiday which is perhaps best celebrated by massacring a rival crime family. We asked our own gang of pencil-and-typewriter-pushers how they plan to spend this special day. We posed the following question to the Marvel Elite: "What would be your idea of a Valentine's Day dream-date, if you could do anything and go anywhere?"

Here's what they had to say.



Erik Larsen, the mega-talented artist of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, said he would "grab my best gal, head up to the high country, and, after a day of skiing, settle down by a roaring fire and let nature take its course. But the most important thing would be that I wouldn't have to work that day."

Like Erik, hyper-popular artist of the regular SPIDER-MAN book, *Todd McFarlane*, also wants to get away. Todd said he wants "to take my wife on a sailboat out to a secluded island, where we'd have our own inlet to ourselves. We'd just sit there and relax and try to enjoy nature, cut off from the media and TV, and all that kind of stuff. We'd just sit there and stare into each other's eyes."

Super-hot penciler/co-plotter of NEW MUTANTS, *Rob Liefeld* said his dream date would be to "take my girlfriend up in a hot air balloon, and have some wine and bread over the California sea."

Meta-cosmic artist *Ron Lim* of SILVER SURFER and CAPTAIN AMERICA fame has a more down-to-Earth dream. Said Ron, "I'd like to go to Disneyland and EPCOT. That'd be cool."

Quasi-aquatic writer/artist *John Byrne*, of NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER, doesn't have to dream about his Valentine's Date—he's going to live it! On November 8th of last year, John and his lovely wife celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary. Said John, "We're going to Paris around Valentine's Day to celebrate that."

Neo-star *Dale Keown*, penciler of THE INCREDIBLE HULK, had this to say about his girlfriend. "I'd like to get one!" Hang in there, Dale—we're sure you'll make a Love Connection of your own, soon enough.

Uber-talented artist *Jackson Guice*, currently knocking 'em dead on NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD, has his dream date all planned out. Jackson said, "I want to have a picnic in the Scottish Highlands. My wife and I have been saving it up for years." (If Jackson doesn't get to go on the trip, perhaps he may want to read *Charles Vess's* SPIRITS OF THE EARTH Graphic Novel instead!)

Poly-prolific writer *Roy Thomas*, currently making his triumphant return to the CONAN THE BARBARIAN titles, has some savagely good plans for himself and his lovely writing partner/wife *Dann*. Said Roy, "We probably would enjoy wandering around some city with a zoo and some used book stores and maybe some yarn stores (since Dann likes to weave). At night, we'd watch a week's worth of *Coronation Street*, which is the most popular soap opera in England. Currently we watch it once a week on cable from Canada."

The multi-talented *Peter David* of THE INCREDIBLE HULK scripting fame, has a time-traveling wish for Valentine's Day. Said Peter, "I'd like to go back to the hotel where I met this girl fifteen years ago at a *Star Trek* convention, and recreate the whole thing. Unfortunately, the hotel was torn down, but the girl is still around, since I'm married to her. My dream date would be to take my wife to a *Star Trek* convention and recreate the whole thing."

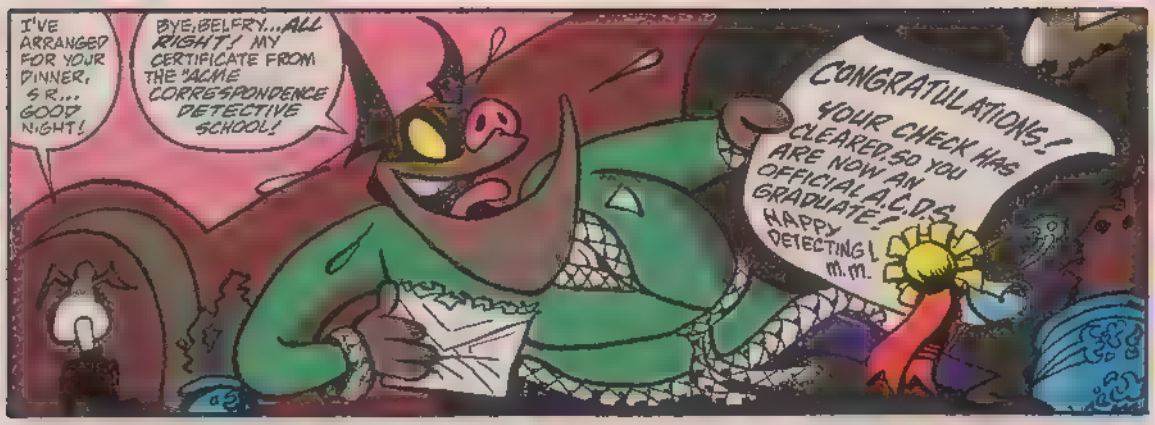
Super-artist *Art Adams* won the originality award for his Valentine Dream: "I'd like to spend a lovely Valentine weekend in suspended animation with Cindy Crawford aboard the Jupiter 2. Heh heh heh." Art said his girlfriend helped him come up with that one. (And no, Art is not dating super-mega-model Cindy Crawford!)

For our last Valentine's Day dream date, we went straight to the big man himself—our founding father, *Stan (the Man) Lee*, who has definite plans for himself and his lovely wife for the fourteenth of February. "Joanie and I will make a beeline for the Marvel Bullpen! With everyone else gone, we'll have it all to ourselves to share the ultimate romantic fantasy—reading comics together!"

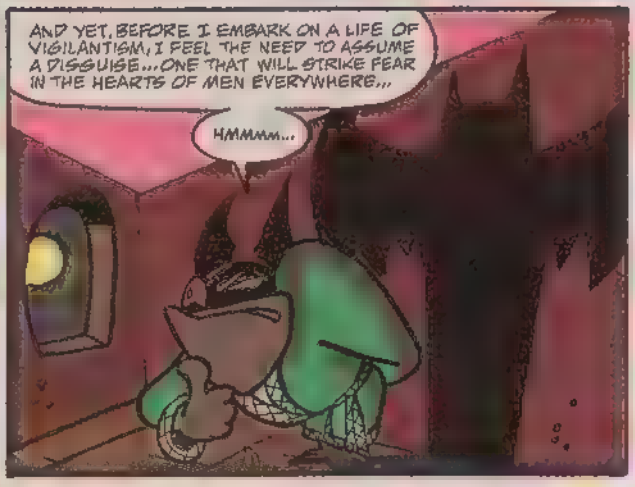
Well said, Stan! We couldn't think of a more romantic idea ourselves. Perhaps we'll join you.

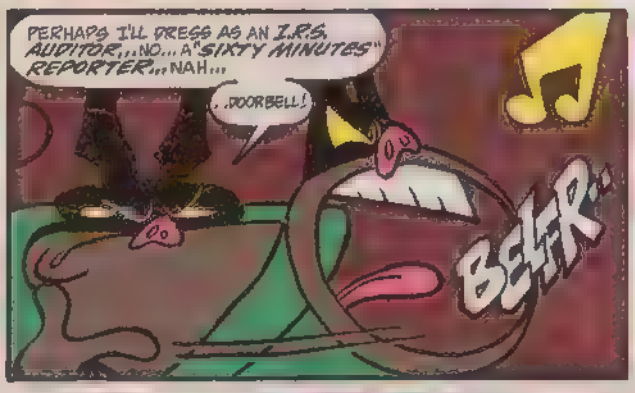
Well, that's all the dream dates we have for this year. We'd like to thank everyone who participated, and we'd like to remind all the folks at home that even if you don't have a Valentine to call your own, you can always live your love lives vicariously through comic books!

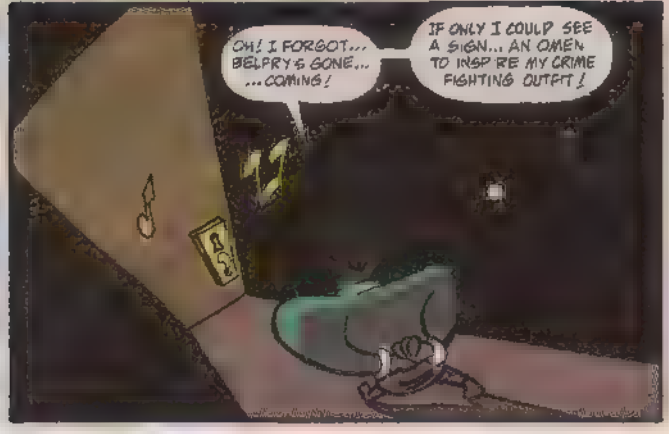
We leave you with these final words, may all your dates be dreamy!


I'VE ARRANGED FOR YOUR DINNER, SIR... GOOD NIGHT!
BYE, BELFRY... ALL RIGHT! MY CERTIFICATE FROM THE "ACME CORRESPONDENCE DETECTIVE SCHOOL!
CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR CHECK HAS CLEARED, SO YOU ARE NOW AN OFFICIAL A.C.D.S. GRADUATE! HAPPY DETECTING! M.M.

FINA...Y, MY BELOVED PARENTS... I AM NOW PROPERLY PREPARED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF YOUR UNTIMELY DEATHS AND BRING JUSTICE TO THIS CITY!


AND YET, BEFORE I EMBARK ON A LIFE OF VIGILANTISM, I FEEL THE NEED TO ASSUME A DISGUISE... ONE THAT WILL STRIKE FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF MEN EVERYWHERE...
HMMMM...


PERHAPS I'LL DRESS AS AN I.R.S. AUDITOR... NO... A "SIXTY MINUTES" REPORTER... NAH...
...DOORBELL!
BE-FR...


OH! I FORGOT... BELFRY'S GONE... ...COMING!
IF ONLY I COULD SEE A SIGN... AN OMEN TO INSPIRE MY CRIME FIGHTING OUTFIT!

YES?
EEEK!
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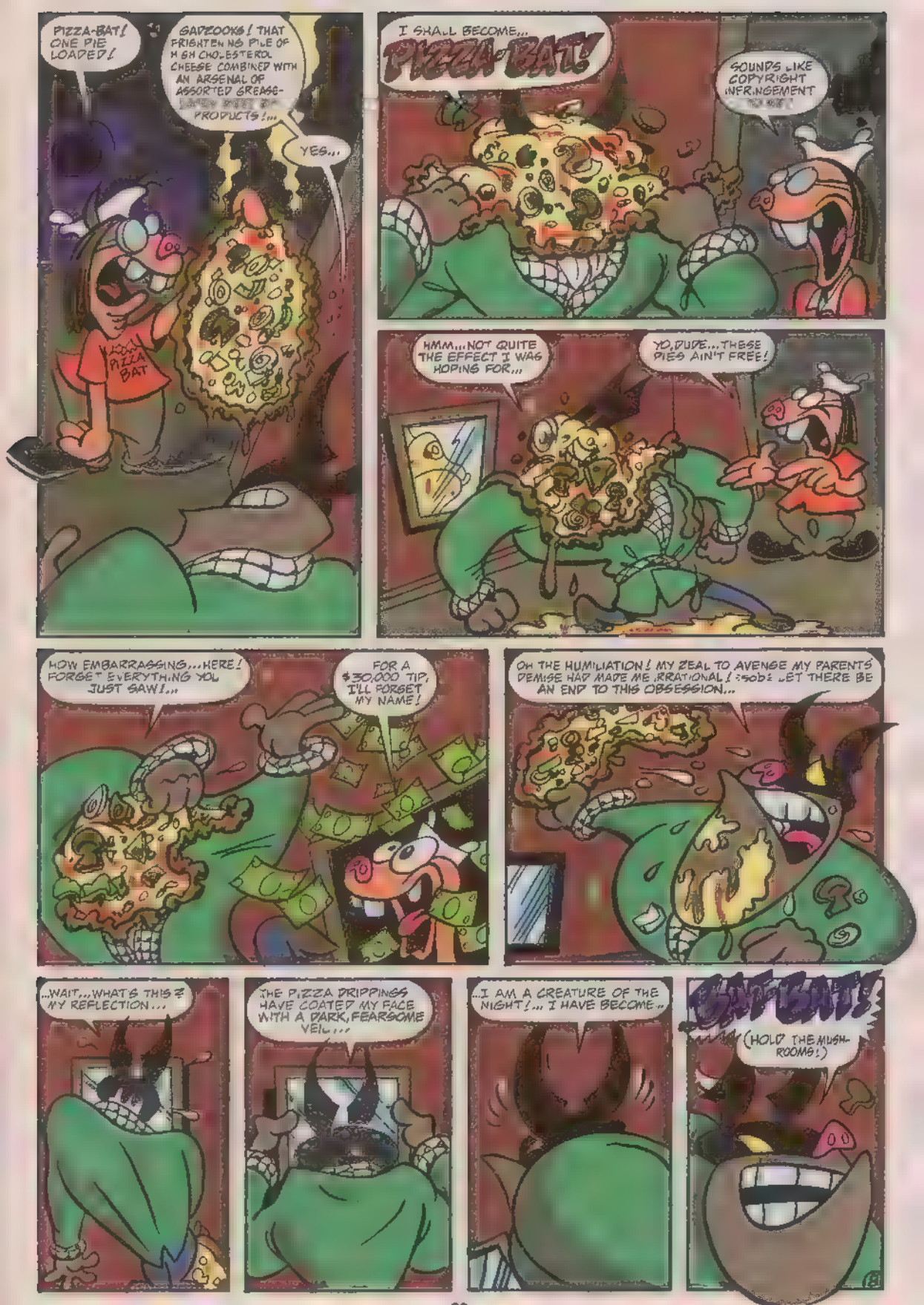
PIZZA-BAT! ONE PIE LOADED!
GADZOOKS! THAT FRIGHTEN NG PILE OF H GH CHOLESTEROL CHEESE COMBINED WITH AN ARSENAL OF ASSORTED GREASE-LADEN MEAT BY-PRODUCTS!...
YES...
PIZZA BAT
I SHALL BECOME... PIZZA-BAT!
SOUNDS LIKE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT TO ME!
HMM...NOT QUITE THE EFFECT I WAS HOPING FOR...
YO, DUDE...THESE PIES AIN'T FREE!
HOW EMBARRASSING...HERE! FORGET EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAW!...
FOR A $30,000 TIP, I'LL FORGET MY NAME!
OH THE HUMILIATION! MY ZEAL TO AVENGE MY PARENTS DEMISE HAD MADE ME IRRATIONAL! SOB! LET THERE BE AN END TO THIS OBSESSION...
...WAIT...WHAT'S THIS? MY REFLECTION...
THE PIZZA DRIPPINGS HAVE COATED MY FACE WITH A DARK, FEARSOME VEIL...
...I AM A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT!... I HAVE BECOME...
(HOLD THE MUSHROOMS!)

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, BELFRY HELPS BAT-BAT DESIGN HIS NEW OUTFIT...
MMM... IT STILL BINDS ME IN THE SHOULDER WHEN I STRIKE A "KING KIRBY" POSE...
I SEE, SIR...
THE CAVERN BENEATH STATELY VEIN MANOR IS CONVERTED INTO "THE BAT-PIT..."
AND I HAD THE ENGINEERS AT MOUSEDES-BENZ BUILD THE MAN-MOBILE!
RESERVED
YET BRUCE FEELS STRANGELY INCOMPLETE...
MOTHER... FATHER... MY CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER IS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF; YET I'M MISSING SOME-THING...
THE DOORBELL! I DON'T THINK WHAT I'M MISSING IS ANOTHER PIZZA.
HMM... NO ONE HERE! DRAT THOSE PRANKSTERS! THEY'RE NEXT ON MY LIST AFTER MOM AND DAD'S KILLER...
BONG
BONG
WAIT! THERE IS SOMEONE HERE! LOOK DOWN! YOO HOO!
NEXT MONTH: the saga continues... THE COMING OF TICK!
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HEY KIDS! Evan Skolnick, MIGHTY MOUSE'S own Assistant Editor/Colorist Extraordinaire, models the latest in upcoming spring fashions! He sure gets *into* his work, don't he? You should see what he wears when he's working on BARBIE FASHION!

Dear Editor,

I have the first three MIGHTY MOUSE comics and #3 is the best by far! Mike Kazaleh did a great job! His art was super. This is the best new comic book title of this year. I have a question about Mighty Mouse's past. Did he always have super powers? If not, how did he gain them? Keep up the good work!

Jake Vold
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Glad you like Mike's art, Jake! We'll be seeing more of his pulse-pounding pencils in the near future! And for how Mighty got his powers... well, if we told you here, then anybody could get them, including bad guys like Oil Can Harry! And hey, that's the last thing Mighty Mouse needs!

Dear Mighty Mouse Makers,

First off, issue #3: loved the return of Bat-Bat, and thought Samor was a riot. 'Nuff said.

Egads, MIGHTY MOUSE #4 was a little bit frightening. Could things actually be getting serious on us?! Underneath all of the jokes were some pretty grim themes: universal destruction, anthropomorphic evolution, and, of course, the death of Mighty Mousette. Whatever you do, don't do the same for Mangy Mouse! Let's face it, he's the perfect opponent for ol' Mighty. Until Harebinger goes to work for Hefner, make mine Marvel!

Fritz Baugh
830 Aberdeen Dr.
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What can we tell you, Fritz, "grim" is the new buzzword in the MIGHTY MOUSE office (with "anthropomorphic evolution" running a close second and third).

Dear Mighty Mail,

I have just finished reading MIGHTY MOUSE #4, entitled "Mices on Infinite Earths." I really loved it! I especially loved the cover! Superb!

When I read about Raul Roa's predicament in the Mighty Mail at the end of #4, I almost had a baby! I, too, was in the same situation. I had checked *every* comic store in town, and happily got the last one in the whole city! MIGHTY MOUSE #1 sold like hotcakes! One store told me that they sold out the first day!

Any chance of a feature story with the Mighty Heroes? More Bat-Bat would be great! Keep up the great work!

Andrew Guajardo
450 Walton
San Antonio, TX 78225

Yo, Andrew, did you catch MIGHTY MOUSE #5 with a Bat-Bat in TWO (count 'em) features, *and* an appearance by everyone's favorite musclebound Mighty Hero, Strongman? Admit it, Mighty Meisters, when you hold up those hoops we just jump right through them!

Dear Mighty Mail,

I have MIGHTY MOUSE #2-#4! I like MIGHTY MOUSE, it is funny! What is "Bakshi?"

Aaron Sayler
8419 Old Montgomery Rd.
Savannah, GA 31406

Bak-shi: *(n)* a state of mind, of or pertaining to animated mice. *Syn.* Lunacy. *Ant.* Boredom. See toons (great).

Hey kids, try using "Bakshi" in a common everyday sentence! We'll give you bonus points if you throw in "anthropomorphic evolution"!

Hey Mighty,

There's only one villain I want to see. The Cow. Ever since I saw him on the Bakshi cartoons he's been my favorite enemy for the Mouse of Steel. He cracks me up with lines such as, "Moo ha ha, moo, moo. Come and get me, you super cheese-eater, ha ha, moo!"

As for Mighy Mousette, I liked her. It's too bad that the Anti-Minotaur and Mangy Mouse ganged up and dusted her. Maybe she can be brought back to life and do the occasional guest-spot, like Bat-Bat.

All in all, I like this book and have nothing but high praise for it. Thank you.

Eric Oxner
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Hope you enjoyed MM #6, Eric. A Cow-filled issue with more "Moo's" than a human mind can retain! Mighty Mousette back to life? If even the Minotaur couldn't do it, who could? Any suggestions, Mighty Meisters? Write in now.

Dear Mighty Mail,

Loved the George Perez cover parodying his own CRISIS #7! Piranha (for Pariah) was an inspired bit of casting! Harebinger? I loved it! The Minotaur for the Monitor! Very clever, but then just who *did* you expect to find at the end of a maze?

I'm glad you let Mighty Mousette go out the hero, a la Supergirl! This reads more like an alternate WHAT IF--? type world than a parody, which may be why the title works for me. Other comics try to be funny and seldom succeed! MIGHTY MOUSE really plays it straight, with the humor growing out of the situation rather than appearing forced! Now would be a good time to ask for a raise, Gallagher! HA!

Bob Kowalski
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Impressed by the Perez cover, eh, Bob? Here at the MIGHTY MOUSE office, we've been blessed by truly stupendous cover artists! Besides George Perez, we've had covers done by John Byrne, Milton Knight, and, of course, Ernie Colon! In the near future expect to see covers done by (drum roll please) Steve Lightle, Kevin Maguire, Charles (SPIRITS OF THE EARTH) Vess, and Michael (ALPHA FLIGHT) Bair! Be sure to tell all your comic aficionado friends!

NEXT TIME:

Petey Pate, that balding bad guy, toupees the world, and watch out as things really get hairy! This is one problem Mighty Mouse can't sweep under the rug. So be here next time for some hair-raising, developments, and some close shaves!! (Okay, so they're bad puns, but it's nothing to split hairs over!)

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